



# ANNUAL TRAILS GRANTS CALENDAR



A supplement to the Vermont Trails & Greenways Fall 2000 Newsletter

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>VT DEPT FORESTS, PARKS &amp; RECREATION (FPR)</b>												
Recreation Trails Grants		Applic's due	Prelim. Awards	Final awards (Fed. Hwy.)		Work begins. Two-years to complete.			Program announcement			
Land & Water Conservation Fund	(Timeline to be announced winter 2000-2001)											
Urban & Community Forestry		Applic's due	Awards			Work begins and completed (Jun-Jul)						Program announcement
<b>VT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION (VTRANS)</b>												
Bicycle & Pedestrian: Technical Assistance	Program announcement			Applic's due			Awards					
Bicycle & Pedestrian: Construction	Program announcement			Applic's due				Awards				
Transportation Enhancements	Awards					Program announcement			Letter of Intent		Applic's due	
Scenic Byways	Program announcement				Prelim. Applic's due to VTrans	Final applic's due to Fed. Highway						
Public Lands Highways	Program announcement					Preliminary applic's to VTrans	Final applic's to Fed. Highway					Awards
<b>VERMONT YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS (VYCC)</b>												
Greenways Community Crews		Prelim. awards		Awards		Work performed. (May-Sep)			Program announcement		Applic's due	
All other project proposals	Applic's due		Awards			Work performed. (May-Sep)			Program announcement			
<b>NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)</b>												
Rivers & Trails Conservation Assistance	Technical assistance available year-round								Applic's due	Awards		

**IMPORTANT:** Funding schedules may change from year to year. It is important that you contact the program administrator. Refer to *Funding and Assistance for Trails and Greenways* in Vermont for more details and contact information for these and other funding and assistance programs. Calendar programs are described below.



## VT DEPARTMENT FOREST, PARKS & RECREATION (FPR)

### Vermont Recreation Trails Grants

VRTF provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail use. Eligible projects include trail development, maintenance and restoration, development of trail-side and trailhead facilities, creating accessible trails, acquisition of trail easements or fee acquisition of trail corridors, maps/publications, and purchase of trail-building hand tools. Two grant programs are offered: an 80-20 match grant (\$3,000 - \$10,000+; a reimbursable program) and a mini-grant (\$3,000 or less; paid up front with no match requirements). February deadlines.

Contact Laurie Adams, VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, 103 South Main St., 10 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0601, 802-241-3690. [www.state.vt.us/anr/fpr.ladams@fpr.anr.state.vt.us](http://www.state.vt.us/anr/fpr.ladams@fpr.anr.state.vt.us)

### Land and Water Conservation Fund

LWCF funding for grants to municipalities has recently been reinstated; potentially over \$4M is available for FY 2002 round of grants. Eligible activities include outdoor recreation facility development and land acquisition to serve conservation or future outdoor recreation development. Minimum 50 percent match required. Go to [www.ahrinfor.org](http://www.ahrinfor.org) to learn more, and contact Laurie Adams-Smith, VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation at 802-241-3690. [ladams@fpr.anr.state.vt.us](mailto:ladams@fpr.anr.state.vt.us).

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### **Vermont Watershed Grants**

Funded by sales of Vermont's Conservation License Plates, mini-grants of \$200-\$1,000 and larger grants of over \$1,000 are available for a wide range of water-related projects, including enhancing recreational use and enjoyment. Late October deadline.

Contact Vermont Watershed Grants, VT ANR, Water Quality Division, Building 10 North, 103 South Main St, Waterbury, VT 05671-0408, 802-241-3770, Watershed@dec.anr.state.vt.us

### **VT Urban and Community Forestry Program**

"Trees for Local Communities" (TLC) are competitive grants for municipalities, community tree boards, local volunteer organizations, educational institutions, civic groups, and approved non-profit organizations. TLC grants provide funds for developing and implementing local urban and community forestry programs. Four grant options are available: community planning and education, tree planting, tree maintenance, and mini grants. Grants from \$500 - \$4000 are available with a match requirement of 50-50. Up to \$85,000 was available in 2000. Applications due February.

Contact Steve Sinclair, VT FPR, Waterbury, VT 05671-0601, 802-241-3673, ssinclair@fpr.anr.state.vt.us. [www.state.vt.us/anr/fpr/forestry/ucf/home/index.htm](http://www.state.vt.us/anr/fpr/forestry/ucf/home/index.htm).



## **VT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION (VTRANS)**

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Program**

Each year, the VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans) works with the state, 11 regional planning commissions and the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization to identify bicycle and pedestrian facility projects (multi-use paths, sidewalks and rail-trails) that can be funded through the Local Transportation Facilities Program. 10 percent match. April deadline.

**Project Construction:** \$1.8 million is available for design, acquisition of right-of-way and construction of approved bike and pedestrian projects. Projects must have completed a conceptual alignment analysis or an equivalent feasibility study.

**Technical Assistance:** To encourage the preliminary planning required by the Program, approximately \$200,000 is available annually for preliminary planning and technical assistance for potential projects. Maximum project award is \$15,000.

Contact Amy Bell, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, VTrans, National Life Bldg, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001, 802-828-5799. [www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/Sections/LTF/LTF.htm](http://www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/Sections/LTF/LTF.htm). Amy.Bell@state.vt.us.

### **Enhancements Program**

Funding is available for transportation enhancements including: provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, scenic or historic highway programs, landscaping and other scenic beautification, historic preservation, rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation, buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroads and canals), preservation of abandoned railway corridors and conversion to bicycle trails, control and removal of outdoor advertising, archeological planning and research, mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff, tourist and welcome centers, and transportation museums. September letter of intent, November application deadline.

Contact Lani Ravin at the VT Agency of Transportation, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001, 802-828-3885. [www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/sections/ltf](http://www.aot.state.vt.us/projdev/sections/ltf). Lani.Ravin@state.vt.us

### **Public Lands Highways**

Funding for projects that are on, adjacent to, or providing access to federal public lands (e.g. Green Mountain National Forest, Army Corps). In Vermont, PLH funding has been used for the West River Trail, protection of scenic properties along highways and visitor improvement at Quechee Gorge. April application deadline.

Contact Matthew Langham at VT Agency of Transportation, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001, 802-828-5578.

### **Scenic Byways Program**

For projects including acquisition, development and planning along designated scenic byways. May application deadline.

Contact Matthew Langham at VT Agency of Transportation, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001, 802-828-5578.



## **Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC)**

Since 1985, VYCC, a non-profit organization, has coordinated trail crew work with Vermont youths in a variety of conservation projects, including trail building and wildlife habitat enhancement projects. VYCC leaders provide expertise and oversight for crews. Communities can either hire a trail crew through the Fee-for-Service program or apply for a Greenways Crew funded by AOT and FHWA. November 30 deadline for FHWA/AOT projects; January 31 deadline for all other projects. Contact Paul Schmidt at 1-800-639-8922 or 802-241-3904, 92 So. Main St., Waterbury, VT 05676, [ycorps@together.net](mailto:ycorps@together.net), [www.vycc.org](http://www.vycc.org).



## **National Park Service (NPS)**

### **The National Park Service Rivers & Trails Program**

Rivers & Trails helps plan and implement local trail, greenway and river protection projects. The program provides NPS staff assistance to work cooperatively with local trail groups, conservation organizations, and regional and state agencies on greenways, rail-trails, and river corridors. Rivers & Trails is not a grants program, but we tailor assistance activities to meet a community's needs. These may include developing a vision and action plan for the project, building the capacity of the organization, trail planning and implementation, publications, finding project funding, and workshops. Project assistance can range from a one-time "consultation" to a three-year involvement. Request letter due September 1.

Contact Jennifer Waite, VT Projects Director, NPS Rivers & Trails, PO Box 178, Woodstock, VT 05091, 802-457-3368 ext 21, [jennifer\\_waite@nps.gov](mailto:jennifer_waite@nps.gov), [www.ncrc.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/rtca).